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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With our "LUCKY SEVENTH" Convention so near, I am glad to eport that your Officers, Board and each Committee has functioned erfectly to plan the best convention ever held. Now it is up to you - each person who reads this message should make it his or her usiness to tell everyone you contact from now until February 22nd bout the "Wonderful LUCKY SEVENTH". Build a desire in the inds of all your friends to join you at the convention. Whether or ot - he or she - collects coins, the show to be held at the Statler ilton Hotel, February 22 through February 25th '62, will be some-ing to see. There will be on display millions of dollars worth of oins - medals - paper money - from all over the World; from mo-ern back to the time people first found the need for a medium of xchange. History will unfold before your eyes through Numismatics.

For those who are interested in enriching his or her own col-ction, there will be an outstanding Auction; and eighty Bourse ealers from all over the World.

For the ladies there will be an International Fashion Show on aturday afternoon - the Saturday evening Banquet will offer not only ood food but a floor show equal to those seen in the finest night clubs. ll of this, and more, should make our "LUCKY SEVENTH" Con-ention the most desirable place for you and your friends to spend appy hours on February 22-23-24-25, 1962.

To those of you who have served so well in planning this show, each officer, board member, club representative and committee-an, may I say Thank You for a job well done. The success of the onvention is now in the hands of the members and friends of the umismatic Association of Southern California.

See you at the "Lucky Seventh" Convention !!!

Richard P. Goodson, President

FROM THE DESK OF "SLIM" DUNBAR

Convention time - "The LUCKY SEVENTH" is here.

Every year it is always said this is the best year yet. Now here we go again. It's a cinch this 1962 NASC convention will be the best ever. There are so many cooperative coin clubs in Southern California that everything just like our hobby, improves every year. Why? Teamwork, and we have a job to do in '62.

Remember the startling news way back in 1961 about our silver situation? It wasn't a surprise to the numismatist all the free silver is flowing out to make medals for anything - real or imaginary uses a lot of metal, besides it makes a lot of extra work for our "overburdened?" mint and engravers.

Making commemorative coins for foreign lands also uses a lot of silver and when we have to pay two or three times as much to get them back that takes silver that is forever lost to us without the benefit of taxes for our treasury. Something is wrong.

When you write to your congressman (you should, often) always mention our need for commemorative half-dollars, controlled by the Treasury Department, not to exceed two issues per year. Keep the profit and silver at home.

Our hobby is enjoyed by millions of people and our employees can only learn what we want by our telling them, so sound off.

Do you know that in addition to the vast amount of history on our commemorative half-dollars, there are 13 that have animals on them and 10 have eagles? An everlasting store of knowledge concerning our country is contained in each half-dollar. We must continue to amass this store of knowledge and pass it on to our future generations. Some people learn faster and remember longer the story told on coins, it isn't laid away or forgotten because it is money of value.

An interesting item took place the first of this year. The Southwest Savings and Loan Association of Inglewood and Torrance put together a "Coins of the World" exhibit at both banks, lasting 10 days. I hope you had a chance to see them. They were outstanding, consisting of odd and curious media of exchange, rare coins, tokens, medals and currency. All were eye-catchers.

The experiment was very successful and proved the results possible by cooperation between numismatist and business establishments. The NASC was contacted for display material and in return, the advertising cards, dodgers and newspapers contained mention of a more outstanding exhibit at the LUCKY SEVENTH NASC Con-

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vention. Another success story. By the same token and spirit of cooperation we can cause the continuance of striking commemorative half-dollars. Looking far ahead, they can be the cause of many pleasant associations between business and numismatics. Plug for commemorative half-dollars.

LEWIS M. REGAN L. M. 56

General Secretary of the A.N.A.

It is with saddened heart that we must disclose that Lewis M. Regan, the beloved secretary of the A.N.A. passed away on Dec. 29, 1961, at his home in Wichita, Kansas, after a few weeks illness that only his closest friends knew about.

Lew, as he was affectionately known to thousands, was only 57 and had been associated with the A. N. A. since 1937, first as Advertising Director, and then in 1944 he became General Secretary. Both offices enabled him to meet and become personally acquainted with the many many collectors who became his good friends. He loved the fraternal spirit of the organization as well as the numismatic aspect.

Until he suffered a seizure a few years ago, he corresponded and kept in touch not only with the American numismatists but also with numismatists throughout the world. The office of General Secretary was to him a personal obligation and he often disregarded his own health that these duties might be fulfilled. After his daily task as Professor of Mathematics at the University of Wichita, he gladly worked far into the night to fulfill the duties of the Secretary's office. Despite these duties he still found time to devote to his wonderful family of Gaye, his lovely wife, four daughters and a son who survive him.

Lew, calm in manner, was a human dynamo for action, and the last score of years, the A. N. A. was his life. He lived for it. To his thousands of friends who mourn his loss, he will long be known affectionately as "Mister A. N. A. "

NUMISMATIC PERSONALITIES

PAUL NEWELL

Paul was born in Provo, Utah, May 26, 1918. His mother and two older brothers moved to California in 1922. In 1926 they moved to Arizona on a cattle ranch, where Paul started his school years. The family moved back to Hollywood in 1929. During the depression years, Paul and his brothers worked in the gold mines in Northern California. Later the family settled in that area and their interests in the mines became quite extensive.

Paul graduated from Hollywood High School with a football scholarship to U. C. L. A. He declined this opportunity and went to work on the railroad where his father was an engineer.

A few jobs of interest that Paul has done are Railroad Foreman, Diamond Drill operator in the gold mines, Ice Plant Foreman, Purchasing Agent, Machine Shop Superintendent for some of the largest machine shops in Southern California.

Paul served 2 1/2 years in the Army, serving 1 1/2 years in the Alutian Islands, and was discharged as a sargeant.

In 1949 Paul and his brother started Allied Air Parts, which grew to be one of the larger machine job shops in Los Angeles. At that time he was Vice-President of Newell Industries which owned Allied Air Parts, Newell Oil and Drilling Co., Newell Service Stations, Newell Machine Tool Corp., and the inventors and developers of the pop-up sprinkler head. The bubble broke in 1953 at which time the Newell brothers went bankrupt. In 1955 Paul went it alone in Marlen Manufacturing Co. which also had a rapid rise and a rapid fall, going under in 1958.

Paul is now letting the other fellows risk their money. His experience in the Aircraft and Missile field are now paying off in the sales end of the business. He is sales engineer for the Fodal Co., well known for its precision and intricate machine parts.

Numismatically, Paul's rise has also been a fast one. He started collecting in 1957 after his wife Mary Ellen told him that if he did not become interested he would probably have to move anyway, there was no room for his clothes and her coins. After several fields he settled on ancient coins which became his specialty.

Paul was Vice-President of West Valley Coin Club in 1958 and President in 1959, the year the West Valley started the "Coinorama," a brainchild of Paul and his able club officers. In 1960 he became

e display chairman of the NASC and again in 1961, due to Paul's reat interest in the motto "Have Fun with Your Hobby". He believes at you must display and show your coins in order to keep yourself terested in your hobby.

Paul is also a member of the Board of Governors of the N.A.S.C. e has given several talks at various clubs on Gold and other subcts.

NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

955 This was the year the association was chartered. We organized with 144 charter members and 6 member clubs. During the year 33 members were dropped. The year closed with 111 members and 6 clubs, for a total membership of 117.

956 70 new members and 4 clubs were added. During the year 33 members and 1 club were dropped. Total membership at end of 1956 was 155.

957 60 new members and 4 clubs were added. During the year 18 members were dropped. Total membership at end of 1957 was 197.

958 27 new members and 4 clubs were added. During the year 12 members were dropped. Total membership at end of 1958 was 212.

959 96 new members and 5 clubs were added. During the year 21 members were dropped. Total membership at end of 1959 was 287.

960 115 new members and 10 clubs were added. During the year 1 member and 2 clubs were dropped. Total membership at end of 1960 was 399.

961 110 new members and 10 clubs were added. Total membership of 519, of which 477 are individual members and 42 are clubs.

My membership book shows a total of 641 members and clubs total ince 1955, of which 122 were dropped, leaving a present total of 19.) --- Carolyn Olson, Corresponding Secretary.

PETER B. PAYNE, N.A.S.C. AUCTIONEER, 1962

Peter B. Payne was too young for the Military Service in World War One, but being big and strong for his age, was accepted as an apprentice seaman in the Merchant Marine. Strange coins in the foreign countries he visited fascinated him and he took a handfull of the coinage of each seapo-t with him and started a cigar box collection of all the countries called on by his ship.

Shortly after the Armistice was signed he was discharged and returned to high school, and continued with his interest in coins. He became in effect, a vest-pocket dealer in the winter of 1918.

As an experienced seaman it was easy to obtain billets during the subsequent summer vacations and thus he extended his foreign travel and his collection. In 1923 he brought home his first Odd and Curious from the Orient and later in 1929 he brought home various oriental primitive monies and sold some to the late Wayte Raymond.

Later, when the Department of the Air Force sent him to remote corners of the world, he devoted all of his available spare time to the quest of Numismatica.

Throughout his travels he has continued his vest-pocket dealership and several times operated a retail shop in the cities where his other assignments placed him in residence. During these periods he has organized and headed many coin clubs both here and abroad. He is past president of eleven clubs of which seven are still active. He has conducted more than 100 public auctions, six of them in foreign countries.

Prior to retirement from the military he began building a mail-order business and now, for the past several years he is a full time professional numismatist.

He promises that this N.A.S.C. sale will be his best, with hundreds of lesser rarities and some of the greater ones on hand. U.S. will be represented from half cents to the greatest number of Double Eagles ever offered anywhere, anytime in the past. Canada will be represented from tokens thru early decimal coinage, including a 36 dot, to this years prooflike set. The ten thousand dollar crown collection which won him five consecutive National Coin Week awards will be offered for sale as individual crowns. More Odd and Curious monies than have ever been offered anywhere will be on hand, including two Deoganta God Bells which are rare in Tibet and practically unobtainable here, murderous money from Africa and Java, Ivory money from all over the World and tin hats from Malaya.

There will be rolls and half rolls of uncirculated coinage, proof sets and current sets and Commemorative halves and gold. There will be Currency of the United States; of the Confederate States and uncut sheets of broken banks and Active banks as well as the extremely rare Armed Forces Emergency Script of the Philippines.

Mexico and South America will be represented by Ancient Aztec clay face money and Hachetas de Cobra as well as gold and silver to the present day, including attributed and unatributed Cobs and Pillar Dollars and more, much more -- sixty pages of small print.

Convention Program!

Thursday, Feb. 22, 1962

9:00 AM Registration of Bourse Dealers.
10:00 AM Registration of Public - Doors open to Bourse in Wilshire Room
Exhibits in Assembly Room.
11:00 AM Auction lots on display in Wilshire Room.
7:00 PM Auction, First Session in Sierra Room.
10:30 PM Doors close for the night.

Friday, Feb. 23, 1962

9:00 AM Dealers prepare for day's activities.
10:00 AM Registration - Doors open to the Public.
Successful bidders may obtain First session material in Wilshire Room.
11:00 AM Second session lots on display in Wilshire Room.
7:00 PM Auction, Second session in Sierra Room.
10:30 PM Doors close for the night.

Saturday, Feb. 24, 1962

8:00 AM Breakfast for NASC Officers, Board Members and Club Representatives.
10:00 AM Registration - Doors open to the Public.
Second session lots available in Wilshire Room.
10:30 AM Annual Business Meeting - Election of Officers.
11:00 AM Third session lots on display in Wilshire Room.
1:00 PM Auction, Third session in Sierra Room.
1:30 PM For the Ladies - International Fashion Show - The Public is invited.
7:00 PM Banquet and Entertainment, Golden State Room.
(the bourse will remain open)
11:00 PM Doors close for the night.

Sunday, Feb. 25, 1962

10:00 AM Registration - Doors open to the Public.
Third session lots available in Wilshire Room.
Bid sheets for the Mail session may be left with the Auctioneer in the Wilshire Room.
4:00 PM Doors close -- end of the 7th Convention.

Please Note: Each day, of the Auction, successful bidders may obtain lots of that day or previous days from the time the Auction closes until the final closing for the night.

INTERNATIONAL FASHION SHOW

Joy Parrish will be Mistress of Ceremonies, Grace Brainard her Assistant; Costume Manager, Mrs. Pat White. Models; Blanca Niebla, Connie Omoto, Stephanie White, Dannielle White, Virginia Weber, Danny Buchan, Scott Jones and the models shown in accompanying photograph; Miss Terri Demarest models one of the colorful costumes of the Mexican Fiesta Celebrations, David Parrish is wearing the typical costume of the ten-year old school boys in the Bavarian Alps, Laurie Jane Gray, who is wearing the costume of her ancestors, the Scottish people. Kneeling with the group is Caroline Horn in her beautiful Hungarian Gypsy Dancer costume.

PORTRAIT OF A ROMAN EMPEROR
by Harold F. Donald

CLAUDIUS
(Tiberius Claudius Drusus - 41 - 54 A.D.)

Claudius was born in the Roman year 744, (10 B.C.) at Lugdunnum, Gaul, (Lyon, France). He was the son of a great military leader, Nero Claudius, (not the Nero that fiddled while Rome burned) and Antonia. It is interesting from a numismatic standpoint that this ancient city in France was the site of the main Roman mint which started operating during the reign of Augustus Caesar, 29 B.C. -14 A.D.

On the death of Emperor Caligula in 41 A.D., Claudius was proclaimed Emperor of the Roman Empire. Claudius was the uncle of Caligula and the only eligible member of the family to inherit the throne.

The records show Claudius to be dull and stupid, and incapable of making intelligent decisions. He was very suspicious and fearful of his life. Those allowed an audience with him were searched for weapons. In order to have a tighter control over the people in the city of Rome he limited their travel to just three miles outside the city limits, anyone desiring to go further had to obtain special permission.

His sole military campaign was an expedition to Britian to prevent a threatened uprising. Sailing across the Mediterranean Sea from the port of Ostia, he arrived at Marseilles. From there he marched across France to Boulogne; hence he sailed across the channel to Britian.

He fought no battles and suffered no casualties. However his mission was accomplished and a great part of the island was forced to submission; probably due to his generals intelligent strategy and possible knowledge of the Emperor's fear of death. Within seventeen days of his landing in Britian, Claudius was on his return trip to Rome. The total venture took approximately six months. On his return he was hailed Imperator of the Army and given the title Britanicus.

Claudius died from eating poisoneous mushrooms in the year 54 A.D., leaving the Empire in the hands of Nero (who did fiddle while Rome burned), his adopted son. Although it was never proven, it was suspected by many that Nero's mother was responsible for Claudius' death. The reason being, her son Nero was the adopted son of claudius and would become Emperor of Rome.

Many coins of Claudius are available to collectors, the first and

second bronze being more common than the silver and gold. There were a number of coins struck in Britian these are much cruder than those struck in the established Roman mints.

Claudius has the distinction of having his name mentioned twice in the Bible -- Acts 11:28 and 18:2.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR N. A. S. C. CONVENTION

Board meeting of the Numismatic Association of Southern California was held at the Los Angeles Hotel Statler, Sunday, November 19th, with 39 officers and club representatives in attendance.

All committee chairmen reported on their work and plans for the association's "Lucky Seventh" convention at the Los Angeles Hotel Statler, February 22nd through February 25th. The chairmen were commemded for their excellent progress in completion of arrangements which assures the largest and most successful convention of the association.

All bourse space has been sold. Grace Brainard and Joy Parrish have scheduled an elaborate International Fashion Show for 2 p. m. Saturday, February 24th, during convention. Bill Fanning has booked wonderful entertainment. Ellen Borgolte reports seating arrangements for the banquet are complete and those wishing seats or an entire table must make teservations at once as this event is always a complete sell-out. Banquet tickets are $7.00.

The association will give a breakfast for all club officers and club representatives Saturday morning, February 24th, which will be followed by the business meeting and annual election of officers.

--- Carolyn Olson, Corresponding Secretary.

I WONDER ????

Where has the extremely fine coin disappeared to? No longer is it around. I can find PLENTY of ABOUT Uncirculated, but NO E. F. What is ABOUT Unc. ? Either a coin is UNC. or it is NOT. If a coin has been out in circulation (even if it shows only a small amount of wear) it is a circulated coin. Well, I guess that we will have to charge it up to coin jargon. seems like taking a lot of liberty, though.

WHY I AM A NUMISMATIST

Coin collecting is more than collecting coins. Dr. Verne Rich has written, "Let your coins be magic carpets on which you can ride to distant lands, strange people, and different times." Ask any collector of ancient coins and he immediately turns back the clock to antiquity. One little old worn out denarius inspires him to tell about the Roman Empire, Mark Anthony, Cleopatra and Julius Caesar. Roman coins recall many interesting and important events as well as furnishing us a picture of costumes, weapons, implements and buildings. From them we can trace manners and customs of the people. Greece, Persia, Egypt and other countries tell their story on coins.

If you run into an Odd and Curious collector, take shelter. He will want to show you his Kissi penny from Africa, Siam Bullet money, wife buying money and who knows what all. Along with this you'll get a Cook's tour of the traditions and customs of the people.

Then you can take the magic carpet back to the U.S. and examine United States coins and their mint marks. Among the best informed is the Commemorative collector. Encourage him a little and you will have a history lesson. He knows exactly why the coin came into existence, the date of the event, what took place and why. He is 100% sure his collection represents one of the most outstanding phases of numismatics.

Whatever you collect -- U. S. coins, Gold, Ancients, European, Mexican, Canadian, or others, it will be a collection of more than coins. All told, you have collected coins, gained a storehouse of interesting information plus the fun of collecting and sharing, what I think, is one of the greatest hobbies. THAT'S WHY I AM A NUMISMATIST. ---Edith A. Patterson, ANA 32317, NASC 307

SPECIAL NOTICE to all CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

On Saturday morning at 8 A.M. February 24th, 1962, the NASC will hold a breakfast meeting for all officers and club representatives.

We will discuss "What can the NASC do to help the various clubs and what can the clubs do for the NASC."

President Richard Goodson will address us about the past year and President Elect George Bennett will speak on the future years. We will ask others to say a few words regarding improving our relations. (Continued on following page.)

Send for your FREE tickets at once, each representative is en-
led to two. One for the 1961 representative and the other for the
62 representative. If the 1961 representative has been appointed
r 1962, then we suggest he bring the president or secretary of his
ub.

Address all communications to the Editor, Karl M. Brainard, or
u may pick up the tickets at the Statler Hotel, Thursday or Friday
M., February 22 and 23, 1962. Watch Bulletin Board for Break-
st location.

IS MONEY OUR MASTER ?
by Elmer Hess

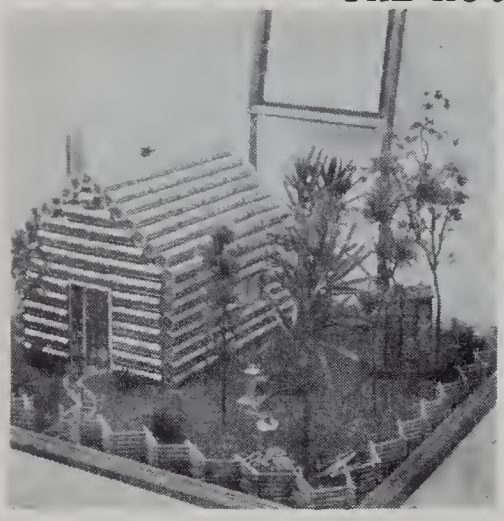
While looking thru my collection of coins and studying them (as
y good Numismatist should do) my attention was drawn to the Book-
T. Washington Half-dollar. On the reverse side of the coin the
lowing statement caught my eye "From slave cabin to Hall of Fame."
this point I began to wonder if these people at that time, when
ed from one kind of slavery were not faced with a new master,
d that new master could possibly be money!

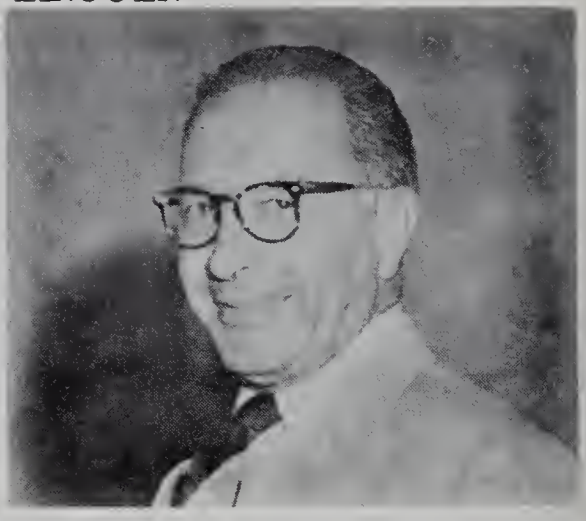
I know that some people will not agree that money is their mas-
, but even though they agree to it or not, it is true that money in
me form or another is used in all the countries of the world.

Gold has been the principle base of the money system for thou-
nds of years, and people have enslaved themselves to the power
gold for many centuries. They let this thing be their master in
corners of the world, from the most remote places of the deep
rican jungles to the most modern cities. Oh yes! It is easily
derstood that if we were to abolish the money system, it would
ng mass confusion and disaster to any nation on earth who would
re try it, for the simple reason we have accepted it as our guide
master, but yet was that not what happened to the colored people
the South when they were freed from their masters? Anyone
ows who has read the book, "Gone With The Wind", the hunger,
struction, mass confusion was the result, and this type of slavery
this country had only existed for about 75 years.

Assuming that money is the master of the people of the world,
re is one group of people, a chosen group of about 75,000 who
not slaves to money; they are the Numismatists, the coin col-
tors who collect and study monies of the world because they wanted
they make themselves masters of their chosen hobby, COIN
LLECTING - BECAUSE THEY LOVE IT !

THE HOUSE OF LINCOLN





On November 2, 1961 the California State Numismatic Ass'n convention opened at the Miramar Hotel at Santa Monica, Calif. There appeared an exhibit that took the convention by storm. It was called "The House of Lincoln", made and exhibited by Ernie Hood, President of the Culver City Coin Club, which, by the way was co-sponsor of the Convention.

The House of Lincoln was made with a frame of brass rods soldered together, then 9,600 bright new Lincoln Cents were put in plastic tubes and put together to imitate logs.

A split rail fence made of 486 match sticks was placed around the edges; dirt was spread on the base for the ground and miniature plastic trees and shrubs were set in to make it look natural.

To make it more interesting, an "Out House" was installed under the trees, also a pump with a tin cup on top and a chopping block with an axe.

The path from the gate to the front door comprised of 18 proof cents from 1936 to 1960.

The judges of exhibits were unable to use the point system on this House of Lincoln as there wasn't enough numismatic information in it, but they admitted it was the hit of the show. The President and Officers of the C. S. N. A. met and passed a new rule allowing Ernie Hood, the maker of the House of Lincoln, a Presidental Citation for the most outstanding exhibit in the convention.

Another honor has come to Ernie Hood and his House of Lincoln -- When it was on exhibition in a coin shop on Wilshire Boulevard, John Arthur, President and Owner of Ribley's Believe It or Not enterprizes, saw it and was so captivated by it he inquired as to its owner. Later he contacted Ernie Hood and bought the House of Lincoln and at this writing is installing it in the Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum in St. Augustine, Florida as a permanent exhibit.

In closing we salute the House of Lincoln and what it represents.

LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB

In spite of thoughts to the contrary, it appears some key coins are still available from circulation, as Micheal Taff, member number 884 of the Los Angeles Coin Club, reported at the November meeting of that club, having found an AU 1909-SVDB cent in a roll of cents just two weeks ago. Over 200 persons attended this meeting and viewed coin displays by Thelma Case, Joy Parrish, Harold Donald, Bob Axelrod, W. K. Erdman, William Koonce and Harley Kaufman, the latter winning the prize of five dollars.

Karl Brainard, speaker of the evening, was introduced by Thomas H. Wood, program chairman. The group was most attentive and learned a great deal from the talk and pictures by this authority. Mr. Brainard pointed out what to look for when grading coins, first points of wear, showing both obverse and reverse, explained small date and large date Lincoln cents, three-legged Buffalo nickels, Indian cents, the overdate coins and gold coins. One of the highlights of Mr. Brainard's talk told of the girl on the standing Liberty quarter and why changes had been made in the quarter. The girl is Dora Doscher who as a child was a polio victim and doctors predicted at the time she would never walk again. However, she recovered and became one of the most beautiful models. She also served as a nurse in World War I.

Russell G. Snyder was the happy recipient of a life membership in the Los Angeles Coin Club.

On the evening of December 7th the board of directors of the club honored the officers for a splendid year's work, also the newly elected officers, at a dinner meeting.

(Late News) The Los Angeles Coin Club installed the following officers at its January meeting. President, Walter T. Snyder; 1st Vice-President, Thomas H. Wood; 2nd Vice-President, D.H. Runner; Secretaries, Ann M. Hall and Elizabeth L. Goodson; Treasurer, Sidney J. Barnett; Sgt. at Arms, Foster Hall; Board of Governors, Paul V. Freestone (Past President), George Bennett, Richard P. Goodson, Murray O. Singer, Russell G. Snyder, William J. Poggione.

The 1962 Officers and Board accept a challenge since the year 1961 set several records; Largest attendance ever recorded for a single meeting - 334 for the May meeting; our 400th meeting in July; voting in our 1000th member in August, and an active increase in Exhibits for each regular meeting. The Secretary's year-end report shows we have accepted 107 New Members during 1961. This leads us to believe we can still claim our title "World's Largest Coin Club".

A special invitation is extended to everyone to come and join us on the 1st Friday of each month, Forrester's Hall, 1329 So. Hope St., 8 p.m. With our 12 regular bourse dealers - good programs - outstanding exhibits - door prizes - refreshments - auction - there is a numismatic interest to cover each need. Our monthly publication "The Wire Edge" gives a complete report on all activities to our regular members. Regular membership dues are $2.00 per year, Junior Membership $.00. Help the new officers accept the challenge and set new records in 1962.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COIN CLUB of Pasadena, had Sol Alexander of Long Beach as guest speaker at its regular monthly meeting at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel. Mr. Alexander held his audience of advanced collectors spellbound with his talk on Mexican Gold Coinage. He told of traveling 500 miles to a remote town, where he had heard stories of a very limited issue of a commemorative gold piece having been struck some years previously.

After stopping all night at a motel, he and Mrs. Alexander inquired of the manager where they might find a restaurant. The manager, also the owner, kindly offered to drive them to town in his pick-up. On the trip, the Mexican's curiosity compelled him to inquire of the Alexanders, what they might be doing in this remote spot. When he heard what Mr. Alexander was in quest of, he offered to take them to the bank. He himself had one of these coins, as he was chairman of the commission for the medal, but he would not be induced to part with it.

When they arrived at the bank, the Mexican gentleman went immediately to the teller and said, "Have you sent that Gold Medal to our new President yet?" (The new president was to have been inaugurated the following week, and each town makes a practice of sending some gift.) The clerk stammered that he had not had time to do it, but would do so at once. "Well, don't", said the elderly man. "This American Gentleman needs it to complete his collection of Mexican Gold Coins."

The little Inn Keeper was a man of no small importance in the little Mexican town, and so Sol Alexander, after two hours of conversation, was able to acquire this very scarce gold piece.

He told of the first mintage in the Western Hemisphere, starting in 1536 to 1821, during which time $2,165,927,694.81 was minted, before our own country was 50 years old. The 1, 2, 4 and 8 Escudo Gold pieces and Silver Reals were accepted as legal tender in this country until 1857.

President Alva Christensen appointed Dick and Dorothy Howekotte to be banquet Co-chairmen for the annual dinner and installation of officers in March.

Mr. Bolender conducted the auction in his usual gay and charming manner. --- Ethel R. Stone, Corresponding Secretary.

LOS ALAMOS VALLEY COIN CLUB: Congratulations to Ed Fitzgerald who founded our Los Alamos Valley Coin Club and made it such a success in its first year and lots of luck to Wm. J. Sexton who is carrying on the good work. (The Members)

A Christmas Party was held on the 2nd Tuesday of December with a large attendance. It was held in the mens club in Los Alamos.
----Mildred Harp, Secretary.

NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION STAMP AND COIN CLUB: Plans are underway for a progressive year for the North American Aviation Stamp and Coin Club, Los Angeles Division. The newly elected officers are: John Paradowski, President; Jim Shadell, Vice-President; Joy Parrish, Secretary; and Tom Edmunds, Treasurer. The New Board of Governor's will be the immediate past president, Alfred Fry, Jr., Ed Payne, Al Risi, George Sterling, Roger Westvig, and Earl Ferguson. Joy Parrish was re-appointed club representative to the Numismatic Association of Southern California.
---Joy Parrish, Secretary.

WHITTIER COIN CLUB's December meeting was attended by 80 members and guests. Main order of business was the election of officers for 1962. Those elected were: W.V. Tracy, President; Thomas Murphey, Vice-President; Vincent Wirth, Treasurer; Rec. Secretary, Mrs. Betty Nelson; Corresponding Sec'y, Edith Benson, Board of Directors; Sol Taylor, David Haegele, Milt Grossman, Don Tovey and past president John Coll.

Special December raffle prizes included a $5.00 gold piece, 4 transistor radios and many other valuable prizes.

The January meeting was a pot-luck dinner and installation of officers. --- Edith Benson, Corresponding Secretary

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F.D.R. said, "When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on."

SOUTHERN HUB COIN CLUB's November meeting was called to order and Mel Kohl, Chairman of the Nominating Committee offered the committee's written report of the suggested officers for the year. The following group was elected: President, Bill Fanning; Vice President, Mel Fishel; Secretary, Fern Caesar; Treasurer, Foster Hall; Board of Governors, John Parrish, Carson Cantrell, Slim Dunbar, Harold Young, Bob Miller, Pauline Ney. Auction Chief, Elmer Hess, Historian, Joy Parrish. Following the auction and refreshments, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

--- Joy Parrish, Secretary.

TORRANCE COIN CLUB's November meeting was opened with the "Pledge Alliegence to the Flag", led by President Richard Goodson. Alva Christensen was guest speaker. She gave a very interesting talk on "Odd and Curious". President Goodson presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Slim Dunbar, 1962 Nominating Committee Chairman, gave to the membership very realistic reasons why the committee submitted the names of all present officers to serve for another year. The membership gave their hearty approval. The officers are as follows: Richard Goodson, President; Wayne Dennis, 1st Vice; Foster Hall, 2nd Vice; Clara Dykes, Treasurer; Lola Gutierrez. Board of Governors, Ann Hall, M. Gropp, Dr. C. Ryan, and Eileen Lawson. Members are still bringing books, magazines and literature on Numismatics to be donated to the Torrance Library in behalf of the Torrance Coin Club. An auction was held and all 127 members and guests enjoyed the refreshments of the evening which were hot dogs, coffee and lemonade. --- Mrs. Virginia Dennis, Corr. Sec'y.

Torrance Coin Club's 12th meeting was called to order by President Richard Goodson, who was in turn, presented with an engraved gavel by Vice President Wayne Dennis on behalf of the club to show their appreciation in helping to organize this club that has attained the membership of 159 in its first year. Horace Bloxam was the speaker of the evening and his topic was the Lincoln Cent. He was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by President Goodson. Slim Dunbar officiated the installation of the 1962 Officers and Board of Governors. Gifts of Appreciation were presented to Clara Dykes, Ann Hall, Lola Gutierrez, Eileen Lawson, M. Gropp, and Virginia Dennis for the unselfish work these women have done this past year for the club. The 105 persons in attendence all recieved an individually wrapped Christmas box of candy and home-made cookies that Mrs. Yonker so graciously baked and donated. Refreshments were served, followed by the auction. Next meeting of the Torrance Coin Club will be on Tuesday, January 16. -- Virginia Dennis, Corr. Sec'y.

NOW that elections are over, please send us names of officers and NASC REPRESENTATIVES.

MPTON COIN CLUB's newly elected officers are as follows:
ank Randall, President; Ann Hall, Vice President; Eileen Law-
, Secretary; Betty Borchardt, Treasurer; N. A. S. C. Represent-
ve, Frank Randall. Our regular meeting is the third Wednesday
ach month at 8:00 pm at Compton New Recreational Center, Lue-
's Park, corner of Rosecrans and Temple, Compton, Calif.
---Eileen Lawson, Secretary

LVER CITY COIN CLUB's new officers for 1962 are as follows:
esident, Dr. Bufornd Criswell, D. S. C.; 1st Vice President, Mrs.
uline Ney; 2nd Vice President, Mr. Paul E. Thornburg; Secretary,
s. Millicent Fishel; Treasurer, Mr. Elizabeth Goodson; Historian,
s. Grace Brainard; Publicity, Eric G. Warner; Auctioneer, Rich-
Goodson. Board of Governors: Richard Goodson, W. R. Fan-
g, Mike Latter, R. Robt. Berman, E. W. Hood. Club Represent-
ves to Numismatic Organizations - A. N. A., Karl Brainard, Cal
te, Pauline Ney, N. A. S. C., Bill Fanning.

WNDALE COIN CLUB's new officers of 1962 are - President,
Caesar; Vice-President, Bob Davis; Treasurer, Bill Voelzke;
cording Secretary, Virginia Dennis; Corresponding Secretary,
k Protay. --- Jack Protay, Corresponding Secretary.

ANSPORTATION COIN CLUB - A successful meeting of the Trans-
tation Coin Club was held November 5, with a greatly increased
ndance, and much enthusiasm was shown the displays. The auc-
was a huge success. The December meeting was held on the
t Sunday as usual, tho original plans called for the gathering on
second Sunday. The committee on door prizes had two gold
ces and several valuable proof sets in holders for the door prizes.
MEMBER! Transportation Coin Club meets 2:00 pm, French
m of the Alexandria Hotel, 5th and Spring Streets, Los Angeles.
ase arrange to attend and bring any guests that you so desire,
lets make our meetings even greater and more successful.

DIDJANO?

re and more 1931-S cents are being forged?
s N. A. S. C. Convention will be for four days instead of three?
President, Richard Goodson has been the guest speaker at 27
ifferent clubs during 1961?
logical reason has ever been given for the minting of the 20¢
ieces? Issued for two years only, 1875-76, the 1877 and 1878
ere issued in proof only.
ismatic book collecting is gaining much ground?
xico attempted to establish a mint in San Francisco in 1811?
re and More collectors are turning to foreign coins? The reason?
igh prices of United States coins.
can't find any of the first several editions of the Guide (Red) Book?

DISPLAYS

The following classifications are a guide for grouping; but the right to reclassify is reserved by the Exhibit Chairman. Please pick group carefully.

Group 1. U. S. and Foreign Gold only.
2. All U. S. Coins, Sets, Proofs, Types, etc.
3. U. S. Currency.
4. Foreign Currency, including War issues.
5. Modern Foreign Coins.
6. Medieval Coins 700 A. D. to 1500 A. D.
7. Medieval Coins 750 B. C. to 700 A. D.
8. Medals and Medallic Art.
9. Mint Errors, Coins and Currency.
10. Unusual Media of Exchange.
11. Specialized displays not included in 1 thru 10.
12. Club Displays (Open Catagory)
13. Professional Group. Dealers, Wholesalers, etc. Anyone engaged in the business of Numismatics.

BASIS FOR JUDGING EXHIBITS

By the order of the Numismatic Association of Southern California the Awards Committee is instructed to use relative EDUCATIONAL VALUE of the exhibits for rating merit, based upon the following qualifications:

1. Relative amount of numismatic information that may be obtained by examining the exhibit ..... 0 to 30 pts.
2. Originality and effectiveness of the ideas employed in arrangements. 0 to 30 pts.
3. Range, scope and variety of coverage in material displayed. ..... 0 to 15 pts.
4. Neatness with which the display is arranged and presented-eye appeal 0 to 15 pts.
5. Relative condition of the material displayed. ..... 0 to 10 pts.

First, Second and Third Awards will be made in each Class.
A 'Best in Show' Award will be made to the outstanding exhibit selected from the First Award winners.

For further information contact Paul Newell, 18004 Duncan, Reseda, California.

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BAKERSFIELD COIN CLUB
2904 Berger St., Bakersfield
1st & 3rd Tues.

BAY CITIES COIN CLUB
Douglas Rec. Hall, Ocean Park
near 25th St., Santa Monica
4th Thurs. - 8 P.M.

CENTRAL COAST COIN CLUB
L.D.E.S. Hall
Mill St., San Luis Obispo
4th Mon. - 8 P.M.

HUGHES COIN CLUB
1216 E. Imperial, El Segundo
1st Sunday, 7:30 P.M.

COMPTON COIN CLUB
Lueders Park, Compton
3rd Wed. - 7:30 P.M.

CONVAIR POMONA COIN CLUB
1675 W. 5th St., Pomona
2nd Fri. - 7:30 P.M.

CULVER CITY COIN CLUB
Culver City Woman's Club
3835 Watseka Ave.
2nd Thurs. - 8 P.M.

DATE EMPIRE COIN CLUB
Security Bank Club Room
Indio
3rd Sat., - 7:30 P.M.

DESERT COIN PROSPECTORS CLUB
Irwin Elementary School
Mojave St., Victorville
1st Mon. - 7:30 P.M.

DOUGLAS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
Douglas Rec. Hall
Paramount Ent., Long Beach
2nd Tues. - 7 P.M.

DOWNEY NUMISMATISTS
Downey Woman's Club
9813 S. Paramount Blvd.
2nd Wed. - 8 P.M.

EAST LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB
5335 E. Beverly Blvd.
KofC Hall, Los Angeles
3rd Mon. - 8 P.M.

49'er COIN CLUB
Lynwood Community Center
Bullis Rd. & Century Blvd.
2nd Wed. - 7 P.M.

FONTANA UNITED NUMIS. SOCIETY
Steel Workers Hall, Sierra Ave.
2nd Fri. - 7 P.M

GARDEN GROVE COIN CLUB
Grange Hall, Taft & Century
4th Thurs. - 7:30 P.M.

GLENDALE COIN CLUB
Tuesday Afternoon Club
400 No. Central Ave.
3rd Mon. - 8 P.M.

IDYLLWILD COIN CLUB
Idyllhoff Hall - Idyllwild
1st Sat., - 7:30 P.M.

LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB
Simon Bolivar Park Rec. Bldg.
Downey Ave. & Del Amo Blvd.
4th Tues. - 8 P.M.

LAWNDALE COIN CLUB
Western Cafe
15516 S. Western, Gardena
3rd Sun. - 2 P.M.

LONG BEACH COIN CLUB
Long Beach Rec. Center
350 E. Ocean Blvd.
1st Tues. - 8 P.M.

LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB
Foresters Hall
1329 S. Hope St., Las Angeles
1st Fri. - 8 P.M.

MONTEREY PARK COIN CLUB
440 S. McPherrin, Monterey Pk.
4th Fri. - 8 P.M.

NORTH AMERICAN AVIA. STAMP & COIN CLUB
Rec. Bldg., 5353 W. Imperial Highway
1st Mon. - 7 P.M.

NORTH AMERICAN NUMIS. SOCIETY
Recreation Center
Woodruff Ave., Downey
3rd Tues. - 7:30 P.M.

NORWALK CALIFORNIA COIN CLUB
Norwalk Woman's Club
10751 E. Imperial Highway
1st Mon. - 7:30 P.M

ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB
336 S. Pomona Ave., Brea
4th Wed. - 8 P.M.

PICO-RIVERA COIN CLUB
American Legion Hall
4909 Durfee, Pico-Rivera
4th Mon. - 8 P.M.

"PILLARS LIMITED"
6357 Colbath Ave.
Van Nuys, Calif.
3rd Wed. - 8 P.M.

POMONA VALLEY COIN CLUB
172 W. Monterey Ave.
1st Sat. - Pomona

ROCKATOMICS NUMIS. SOCIETY
7800 Fallbrook, Canoga Park
4th Mon. - 7:30 P.M.

SAN BERNARDINO COIN CLUB
1510 W. Highland; KofC Hall
San Bernardina
3rd Thurs. - 7:30 P.M.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COIN CLUB
Y.M.C.A. Bldg.
3rd & Magnalia, Burbank
2nd Mon. - 8 P.M.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COIN CLUB
Huntington-Sheratan Hotel
Oak Knall; Pasadena
3rd Wed. - 8 P.M.

SANTA ANA COIN CLUB
1104 W. 8th St., Santa Ana
3rd Man. - 7:30 P.M.

SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL NUMIS.
817 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica
1st & 2nd Tues. - 7:30 P.M.

SOUTHERN HUB COIN CLUB
Inglewood Woman's Club
325 N. Hillcrest, Inglewood
2nd Sun. - 2 P.M.

TORRANCE COIN CLUB
Union Hall - 1316 Border St.
Torrance
3rd Tues. - 8 P.M.

VANDENBERG AFB NUMIS. SOCIETY
Vandenberg Air Farce Base, Calif.

WEST VALLEY COIN CLUB
Reseda Waman's Club
7901 Lindley, Reseda
4th Sun. - 2 P.M.

WHITTIER COIN CLUB
210 E. Philadelphia St., Whittier
2nd Friday, 8:00 PM

NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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